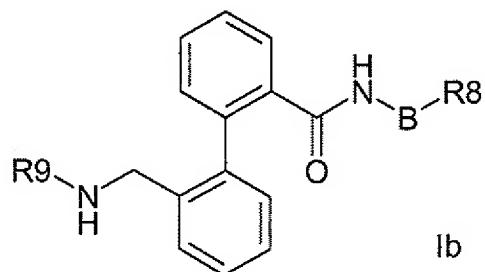


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims replaces all earlier versions of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A combination of one or more IK_r channel blockers and of one or more compounds of the formula Ib



or physiologically tolerable salts thereof,

in which

B is $-\text{C}_m\text{H}_{2m}-$;

m is 1 or 2;

R(8) is alkyl having 2 or 3 carbon atoms, phenyl or pyridyl,
where phenyl and pyridyl are unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF_3 , OCF_3 , alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms;

R(9) is $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}(10)$ or $\text{COR}(10)$;

R(10) is $-\text{C}_x\text{H}_{2x}\text{-R}(11)$;

x is 0, 1 or 2; and

R(11) is phenyl,

where phenyl is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF_3 , OCF_3 , alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms,

wherein the combination comprises

2'-{[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetylamino]methyl}biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid (2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amide and ibutilide, or

2'-{[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetylamino]methyl}biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid (2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amide and dofetilide,

or the physiologically tolerable salts thereof.

2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) A pharmaceutical preparation comprising a combination as claimed in claim 1 as active compound, together with pharmaceutically acceptable vehicles or additives and, optionally, one or more other pharmacologically active compounds.

7. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical product comprising ~~one or more IK_α channel blockers together with one or more compounds of the formula I_b, or physiologically tolerable salts thereof, a combination~~ as set forth in claim 1 for simultaneous, separate or sequential administration for the treatment of atrial fibrillation or atrial flutters.

8. (Withdrawn) A method for the treatment of atrial fibrillation or atrial flutters comprising the simultaneous, separate or sequential administration of a combination as claimed in claim 1.

9-12. (Cancelled)